Nixon May Use Plane For Trip to Florida

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President Nixon may not go to Florida by train after all, the White House hinted yesterday as it told newsmen to make their own arrangements if they want to cover the President while he is away.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said the President wants to go to Florida the day after Christmas for a week or ten days but has made no definite decision.

Mr. Nixon has considered a number of things in connection with the travel problem, Warren said. Earlier, Warren had said the President considered going by train to save fuel.

Asked if Mr. Nixon, who reportedly has been irritated by news reports on how much fuel the Spirit of '76 uses, made the decision against a press charter plane, Warren said, "He concurs in it."

"We feel it would be wrong to ask the airlines to use fuel for a special charter flight," Warren said.

In the past, the White House has arranged with one of the commercial airlines to provide a press charter plane to accompany the President on all his travels. The cost of the charter is borne by the newspapers, magazines and television networks which assign reporters to follow the President.